

BISCAYNE GARDENS MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BGMAC)
MINUTES
JULY 13, 2006

Present: Roger Gordon, Vernell Everett, Anne Zimmerman, Michelle McCook, Patrinia Dozier-Washington, Cheree Gulley

Absent: Ann Cates, Estomene Dorcely

Meeting called by chair V. Everett. Move to approve minutes with noted changes, second by Ann Zimmerman.

Ms. Gulley gave an update on the progress of the Mitigation Task Force. Report was submitted to the INLUC Committee for review but Commissioner Seijas asked that the report be deferred until October 2006. Nothing will be processed by the BCC until they have reviewed the report; however, each MAC may continue with the incorporation process.

Mr. Mack Samuel, Chairman of North Central Dade Steering Committee spoke about the pros and cons of incorporation. He stated that issues such as land use and taxes drove him to get involved with the incorporation movement. He advised that people should not get hung up on the tax rate, instead the objective should be having the opportunity to control how the taxes are spent in our neighborhoods and making land use decisions. He noted that other people are making decisions about our neighborhood without input from the residents. He also stated that government works best when it is closer to the people.

Ms. Dozier-Washington completed her report on the Miami-Dade Police Department. She noted that the grids on the west side of 7th Avenue have the largest number of crime. She attributes the high crime rate to the location of the police station that serves our neighborhood. The Intercostal station is located on Biscayne Boulevard and Ms. Dozier-Washington believes that the police department is more focused on serving the east side of 7th avenue.

Mr. Everett informed the board that Mr. Decocq has completed his review of our proforma budget and was scheduled to make a presentation at this meeting. Mr. Everett will contact him to possibly reschedule.

Meeting adjourned.